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examining the necessity for opening more Rent Courts in Malabar. The Government have instructed the Board of Revenue to see that the question is expeditiously examined and a report submitted to Government very urgently."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In view of the importance of the matter and in view of the fact that the people in about three firkas are asked to go to the Rent Court at Cannanore, will the Government see that Rent Courts are opened immediately at Taliparamba and Irukkur."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" That is what I have stated in my answer. It is being very urgently looked into."

Illicit cutting of trees in South Kanara.

* 1670 *Q.*—SRI K. ISHWARA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cases of illicit cutting of trees from Government forests detected in South Kanara district during 1950 to 1954; and

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representation from the Puttur workers to stop cutting of the trees?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) One thousand four hundred and sixty-nine cases.

"(*b*) No, Sir."

Pepper vines.

* 1672 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have conducted any experiment to grow pepper vines by spraying water method; and

(*b*) if so, how far the experiment has been successful?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) The experiments conducted at the Pepper Research Station, Panniyur, have shown that the sprinkling or spraying or watering of the pepper vines will induce them to flush and spike during dry season. The chief agency for natural pollination of pepper being rain water, the spraying or sprinkling of water in the flowering season will induce proper pollination and consequently, optimum crop sets."